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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATURNER).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 28, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAKE LATURNER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN MAGNESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Desert Storm and Battle of Mogadishu veteran, John Magness, for his service to our country and to mourn his recent passing.

Mr. Magness and I graduated from West Point together in 1986, after which he served 9 years in the United States Army. His early aviator years

were spent with the 4th Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment where he was charged with conducting border surveillance in his Cobra gunship along 454 miles of the Iron Curtain after which he spent 4 years with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, proudly wearing the Night Stalkers name and supporting units like the Navy SEALs and Army Rangers.

After time spent as a consultant for the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Magness dedicated his time and talent to developing and enriching our communities through his work with Hillwood Development Company.

Where Air Force bases lay vacant and unused, such as Norton Air Force Base, Mr. Magness saw opportunity for flourishing. His efforts led to the commercial and industrial development of the San Bernardino base, now boasting of millions of square feet around the base. Fifteen years after he started this project, the development had contributed over \$2.3 billion for the surrounding community.

On May 18, 2010, Colonel John McHugh, another West Point class of 1986 grad and dear friend of Mr. Magness was killed in action in Kabul, Afghanistan, by a suicide bomber. As a result of his tragic passing and his legacy, the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund was created by the West Point class of 1986 to help Colonel McHugh's family.

The fund's mission quickly expanded to serve as many families as possible, giving back to those who gave their all. The fund honors military service and sacrifice by providing scholarships to veterans and military family members, especially to the children of fallen servicemembers. It has awarded over \$30 million in scholarship funds since 2014 and supports 4,500 Johnny Mac scholars attending schools across this country.

Having been a close friend of Colonel McHugh and a dedicated supporter of veterans, servicemembers, and their

families, Mr. Magness dedicated himself to the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund. To raise money and awareness, Mr. Magness undertook the Aconcagua Challenge expedition, tackling the largest mountain outside of Asia located in Argentina.

Undeterred by the 22,837-foot climb and exemplifying the West Point class of 1986 motto, "courage never quits," Mr. Magness summited the mountain after 10 days of climbing, even after two of his three-man team had to cease the climb for medical reasons.

Having conquered the mountain and accomplishing his mission, Mr. Magness succumbed to ensuing medical complications and passed away in the early morning hours of February 5, 2023.

Night Stalkers don't quit even after leaving the military service for the private sector. Mr. Magness was a fierce supporter of the organization's mission and the personification of former President Teddy Roosevelt's "The Man in the Arena," the man stained by "dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly . . . who spends himself in a worthy cause." Mr. Magness died with his boots on serving his country and its heroes.

Mr. Magness is survived by his wife, Angie, and their two children, Chelsea Shelburne and John Michael Magness, Jr. He was also a very proud grandfather of his 2-year-old grandson, Rhett.

His family, friends, and colleagues all describe him as a man of strong Christian faith, a patriot, a loving father, a grandfather, a husband, a soldier, a hero, a servant leader, and a friend. Mr. Magness, or Magger as he was known by his friends, exemplified these characteristics and more, all the while serving the community that he loved so well.

In both his life and in his death, Mr. Magness modeled service for all those around him. I was blessed to have

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known him through our shared time at West Point and as a fellow Night Stalker, and I know he is greatly missed by his family and friends.

John was buried at West Point yesterday, March 27, 2023, where he rests in peace having completed his mission on Earth.

I will finish with the last stanza of the West Point alma mater:

And when our work is done,
Our course on Earth is run,
May it be said, well done
Be thou at peace.
E'er may the line of gray
Increase from day to day
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee.

Well done, John.

AMERICAN NEEDS MORE ENERGY PRODUCTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week, House Republicans are moving forward with the polluters over people act.

The polluters over people act does nothing to lower energy costs for everyday American families and will increase our deficit by \$2.4 billion. Let me repeat that. It will increase the deficit by \$2.4 billion.

This bill will eliminate bedrock environmental protections, safeguarding public health, and keeping our air and water clean, leaving Americans with higher energy costs.

Instead of tackling climate change, extreme MAGA Republicans are focused on undoing our historic clean energy plan, which has already created 100,000 jobs.

We need more energy production across the board.

Oil and gas workers in my district know that energy jobs can mean a real shot at the American Dream for working families. We shouldn't have to choose between dirty air and polluted water to meet the energy needs of the future.

I see the consequences of pollution within my own district in Houston as we rank eighth in the country for the highest ozone levels.

Neighbors in and around my district face respiratory problems, heart disease, and other health issues caused by exposure to air pollution and smog.

Constituents in my nearby neighborhoods suffer the most, often living in the shadows of these polluting industries.

Houston is not alone. Across the country, we see the impacts of pollution on public health. We have a responsibility to reduce pollution. Clean air is a public health issue. We need to do more to help our communities.

That is why I am fighting for strong, robust funding for clean air programs and air monitoring in my district.

Instead of keeping our families and communities safe, House Republicans

are making it easier for big companies to pollute without consequences.

While House Republicans play games and raise the deficit, House Democrats will do everything to continue to put people over politics—not polluters—every day to meet the real needs of the American people because everyone deserves a good job with benefits and a shot at the American Dream without giving up their right to breathe clean air.

It is our duty and responsibility to protect our God-given right to clean air for ourselves and for our future generations.

We cannot afford to wait any longer.

HONORING ROBERT D. CAMACHO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guam (Mr. MOYLAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Guam in not only mourning but honoring the late, great Robert D. Camacho, who sadly left this world last week.

Bob, as he was known to many, was a man of family and faith first before anything. He was a husband, a father, a veteran, a law enforcement officer, and a friend to many.

Bob and I go way back, as we were classmates in our University of Guam Army ROTC days, and he served as my commander at the 368th MP Company Army Reserves in Sumay, Guam. We also worked together at the Department of Corrections, which is where our friendship turned to family, as Bob became the godfather, or nino as we would say, for my eldest daughter Abby.

In recent years, Bob has served the community in the capacity as the director of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, chief of the Guam Airport Authority police department and most recently as the director of Department of Corrections.

Bob will be greatly missed, and with this, and under the sacred and historical Hall, on behalf of the Nation and the island of Guam, I would like to thank Robert D. Camacho for his service to the country and to the people of Guam and express our deepest condolences to his wife, Pauline; his children; his family; and friends.

Bob, may you rest in peace and adios for now, my friend, until we meet again.

HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. CÁRDENAS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month and the countless women who have given so much to the northeast San Fernando Valley and to our country.

March is dedicated as Women's History Month, and I am proud to be part

of the party that every day in Congress are expanding women's rights, fighting for wage increases, parental leave, and reproductive rights for all and uplift every woman across our great country.

In that spirit, I will be highlighting amazing women trailblazers from the San Fernando Valley who have given so much to our community and to our great country.

HONORING ADA MUNOZ YSLAS

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ada Munoz Yslas, the former principal of Andres and Maria Cardenas Elementary School.

Daughter of immigrant parents and a proud product of valley schools, Ada has dedicated over 30 years as an excellent educator.

Ada has given so much of herself to thousands of students and fellow educators and parents by inspiring and teaching everyone around her that they can become everything that they aspire to be.

After her career of over 30 years, Ada is now enjoying time with her family.

We thank Ada Munoz Yslas for being an inspirational educator in her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DR. JUDY F. BACA

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the most amazing painters and muralists in the world, Judy F. Baca. Her art is appreciated all over the world from California to Finland and to El Salvador.

In 1976, Judy began painting a true landmark for the San Fernando Valley: the Great Wall of Los Angeles. It is a half-mile-long mural along the Tujunga waterway that depicts the history of California. Judy inspired and employed over 400 youth to paint this iconic mural in their own community.

In 2017, the Great Wall of Los Angeles received national recognition on the National Registry of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Just last week, Judy received one of the most prestigious honors an artist can ever receive. President Joseph R. Biden awarded her the National Medal of Arts for her decades of inspirational art.

Dr. Judy Baca will continue to bless us with her art all over the world, and we pray for her continued success.

HONORING CAROLYN ROSE

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Carolyn Rose, one of the founders of the largest antipoverty nonprofits in the San Fernando Valley, Meet Each Need With Dignity, also known as MEND.

In 1976, Carolyn started MEND with her husband, Ed, in their garage in Mission Hills. They collected food and clothing donations and distributed them to the most needy families throughout our community.

MEND has grown to continuously serve the most vulnerable in our community with food distribution, one-on-one case management, and support for low-income families.

Every year, you can see Carolyn leading the Christmas Family Adoption